My Study Year Abroad: University of Helsinki

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The University

- Main campus is located in the city centre, next to Helsinki Cathedral.
- Two science campuses: Kumpula and Vikki.
- Newly built libraries located on each campus.
- Multiple accommodation options available through external providers ~ €650 pm.
- Lots of gyms that provide cheap memberships and sporting activities.



The City

- Port side city with lots of outdoor spaces and activities.
- Public transport is affordable, reliable and efficient.
- Quaint and homely, but with a good nightlife.
- Cost of living is similar to Bath but general expenses are usually cheaper.
- Bike-friendly.
- Very snowy, cold and dark during winter months.







Modules and the academic year

- Only one BSc course provided in English.
- Various language and non-science courses are available.
- Ability to take Master's courses that are tailored to your academic interests.
- The approach to studies is relaxed and easy going.
- Academic year runs from August to May and is divided into four 7-week teaching periods.





Travel

- Finland offers lots of beautiful cities and landscapes to explore.
- Transport within Finland is affordable and accessible.
- Ferries provide easy and fun travel to countries around Finland e.g. Sweden and Latvia.
- Affordable flights provide easy access to other Nordic and European countries.



My life in Finland

- Going to lots of saunas.
- Hiked, cycled and travelled around Finland and Europe.
- Participated in celebrations for Vappu and for midsummer.
- Got involved in sports and new activities.
- Met lots of new and interesting people and enrolled in new and interesting modules.